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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA SEEKS US HELP IN AVOIDING CONTACT WITH SOUTH
AFRICA DURING DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE ON ANGOLA

1. CHONA TELEPHONED ME FROM STATE HOUSE MID-MORNING JAN 3
TO SAY PRES KAUNDA HAD JUST BEEN CONTACTED BY SAG PM
VORSTER WHO WANTS TO SEND BRAND FOURIE TO ZAMBIA AT THIS
TIME TO DELIVER SPECIAL MESSAGE, SUBJECT UNKNOWN BUT
COULD BE ANGOLA OR RHODESIA.

2. CHONA INTENDS SENDING SIMPLE REPLY TO EFFECT "NOT RPT
NOT OPPORTUNE". HE HOPES USG CAN LEND SUPPORT FOR EXPLAINING
THROUGH DISCREET CHANNELS TO VORSTER ZAMBIAN DISCOMFORT
AT RECEIVING SOUTH AFRICAN REP AT THIS TIME WHEN SO MUCH
IS IN MOTION ON DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES
DIRECTED TOWARD
PRODUCING MODERATE OAU RESOLUTIONS AT ADDIS.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, CHONA TOLD ME ZAMBIANS ARE RIGHT NOW
RECEIVING VISIT OF NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN IBEKWE, COMING CLOSE ON
HEELS OF VISIT OF GUYANA'S FONMIN WILLS. OTHER
VISITORS ARE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. THUS CHONA

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EXPLAINED THERE IS DANGER THAT A VISIT FROM SOUTH

AFRICAN EMISSARY AT THIS TIME COULD GIVE WRONG IF
NOT MISLEADING SIGNALS TO VISITORS AND PERHAPS EVEN
GIVE FUEL TO THOSE WHO WOULD WANT TO EMBARRASS ZAMBIA
AND SABOTAGE OAU EXERCISES BY CHARGING DOUBLE DEALING.

4. CHONA SAID ZAMBIA ASKS THAT SOUTH AFRICA UNDERSTAND
IT NEEDS A FREE HAND FOR BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS AT OAU
SUMMIT AND THIS IS ZAMBIA'S FIRST PRIORITY.

5. CHONA AGAIN NOTED PRESIDENT FORD ON LEAVING VAIL,
COLORADO, HAD EXPRESSED SOME OPTIMISM FOR POSSIBILITY
OF A COALITION GOVT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID KAUNDA ALSO
BECOMING SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC THAT THOSE COUNTRIES SUCH AS NIGERIA
WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA ARE NOW "SHIFTING SLIGHTLY" FROM
FORMER HARD LINE POSITION WHICH COULD HELP SOME AT OAU MEETING.
WHILE NOT RPT NOT REVERSING MPLA RECOGNITION, THESE COUNTRIES
ARE NOT EXCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNITY.

6. CHONA ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION IF ZAMBIAN MESSAGE PASSED
TO VORSTER BY US.
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